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1. U.S. INTERESTS IN ASMARA ARE BEING LOOKED AFTER BY FOUR SENIOR ETHIOPIAN EMPLOYEES, E.G., ABRAHA KIDANE, JACOB GEBRE YESUS, YOHANNES HAILE AND HAGOS BERHE. ATO ABRHA AND ATO JACOB ARE PHYSICALLY PRESENT ON CONGEN PREMISES DURING WORKING HOURS WHILE ATO YOHANNES AND ATO HAGOS ARE WORKING ON A VARIETY OF MATTERS ASSOCIATED WITH CLOSURE OF THE CONSULATE. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH ONE OR ANOTHER OF THEM BY TELEPHONE DAILY. ATO ABRAHA IS WILLING TO MOVE ON THE COMPOUND. IN ADDITION, WE WILL INSTRUCT TWO LONG-STANDING FSL GUARD EMPLOYEES TO BE ON THE PREMISES FROM 1800 TO 0800. THEY HAVE BEEN PAID THROUGH JUNE 27, 1977. THIS WILL INSURE 24-HOUR COVERAGE BY FLS EMPLOYEES. ACCORDING TO OUR ETHIOPIAN EMPLOYEES, THE EPMG IS PROVIDING ADEQUATE SECURITY FOR THE CONGEN COMPOUND AS WELL AS THE FORMERLY LEADED PROPERTIES.

2. WAUCHOPE REQUESTED AND OBTAINED AGREEMENT FOR TERMINATION OF USG LEASES AS OF APRIL 30 FROM THE ASMARA "COMMITTEE" BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FROM ASMARA. ATO CONFIDENTIAL

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HAGOS HAS RECEIVED A FINAL BILL FROM THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING WHICH HE WILL SUBMIT TO THE EMBASSY WITHIN A FEW DAYS.

3. OUR FSL IN ASMARA BELIEVE THAT USG FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT CAN BE MOVED BY CONTRACTORS FROM OUR FORMERLY LEADED PROPERTIES TO THE CONGEN COMPOUND WITHOUT

PRESENCE OF U.S. NATIONAL. THE MOVE WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY FOUR DAYS.

4. WE HAVE ADVISED THE EPMG "COMMITTEE" OF OUR DESIRES AND REQUESTED THEIR APPROVAL. AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED WE WILL ADVISE OUR FSL IN ASMARA TO MOVE USG FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT AND TO PROVIDE 24-HOUR COVERAGE OF THE CON-GEN PREMISES.

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